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Embassies Buenos Aires, La Paz, Santiago, Bogotá, San José, Santo Domingo, Quito, San Salvador, Guatemala City, Port-au-Prince, Tegucigalpa, Managua, Panama, Asunción, Lima, and Caracas requested arrange appropriate delivery of following letter from President to chief of state host government:

QUOTE Dear Mr. President:

"I am greatly heartened by the firm stand your Government took in supporting the United States Resolution at the meeting of the Organ of Consultation yesterday. In the grave situation we are all facing, the solidarity of our regional system is of tremendous value in meeting the active threat now posed against the peace and security of all of our peoples. By your swift and decisive action we have shown the world, and particularly the Soviet Union, that we stand united in our determination to defend the integrity of the Hemisphere and the principles on which our regional system is based.

I am

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I am certain that in the difficult days ahead our governments will continue to work closely together in meeting the developing crisis with a firm and united resolve. "

Sincerely,

John F. Kennedy

Embassies Rio de Janeiro and ~~XXX~~ Mexico City requested arrange appropriate delivery of following letter from President to chief of state host governments:

QUOTE Dear Mr. President:

"I am certain that the support your delegation gave to the Resolution approved by the Organ of Consultation of the Organization of American States has greatly strengthened the Hemisphere resolve to meet the grave challenge posed by the Soviet Union, in deploying offensive weapons with a nuclear capability in Cuba.

The stand we have taken has clearly demonstrated to the world, and particularly to the Soviet Union, that the American Republics are ready to defend the integrity of the Hemisphere and the principles of our regional system. Our united action is an invaluable asset in preserving the peace.

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I trust that in the difficult days ahead your Government shall continue to join with the other American Republics in meeting the common threat to the national independence and security of the peoples of our hemisphere.

Sincerely, John F. Kennedy

No message being sent at this time chief of state Uruguay since its representative abstained on resolution due to lack of instructions and because its position not yet defined.

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